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BEN TENNYSON
FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD BEN CAN BECOME ANY OF TEN COSMICALLY POWERFUL ALIENS THROUGH THE OMNITRIX, THE MYSTERIOUS DEVICE ON HIS WRIST. HE GAVE UP THE HERO BUSINESS FOR A WHILE, BUT NOW HE'S BACK TO DEFEND THE EARTH FROM THE GROWING ALIEN THREAT!
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GOOP
SINGLE-CELLED POLYMORPH
BIG CHILL
FREEZING, INTANGIBILITY
BRAINSTORM
INTELLIGENCE, ELECTRICITY
JETRAY
SUPERSONIC FLIGHT
CHROMASTONE
LIGHT AND ENERGY CASTING
SPIDERMONKEY
AGILITY, WEB SPINNING
SWAMPFIRE
COMPOST POWERS
HUMONGOUSAUR
STRENGTH, SIZE
GWEN TENNYSON
BEN'S COUSIN IS FIFTEEN AND A SKILLED MARTIAL ARTIST. GWEN CAN ALSO MANIPULATE MANNA, THE HIDDEN MYSTIC ENERGY THAT PERMEATES ALL OF NATURE.
ECHO ECHO
SONIC BLASTS, MULTIPLICATION
KEVIN ETHAN LEVIN
BEN'S FORMER NEMESIS, KEVIN II, IS NOW HIS ALLY. SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD KEVIN CAN ABSORB THE PROPERTIES OF SOLID SUBSTANCES THROUGH HIS TOUCH.
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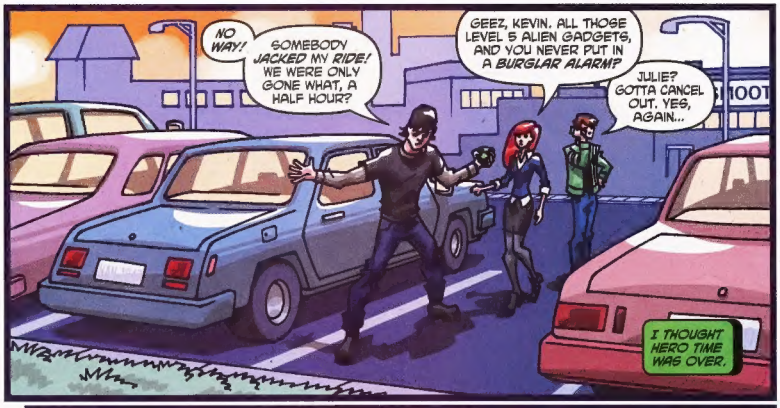
NO WAY!
SOMEBODY JACKED MY RIDE! WE WERE ONLY GONE WHAT, A HALF HOUR?
GEEZ, KEVIN. ALL THOSE LEVEL 5 ALIEN GADGETS, AND YOU NEVER PUT IN A BURGLAR ALARM?
JULIE? GOTTA CANCEL OUT. YES, AGAIN...
I THOUGHT HERO TIME WAS OVER.

BUT EVER SINCE I PUT THE OMNITRIX BACK ON, IT'S LIKE THERE'S A NEW THREAT ALL THE TIME.
I GOT A BUNCH OF ALARMS, GWEN. TRACKING DEVICES, TOO. BUT NOTHING'S SHOWING UP.

ESPECIALLY SINCE I LOST GRANDPA MAX TO THE HIGHBREED. NOW IT'S ALL ON ME.
SO, THIS IS A THING.
GWEN? ANY CHANCE YOU CAN FIND THE CAR?
THE NEW ORDER
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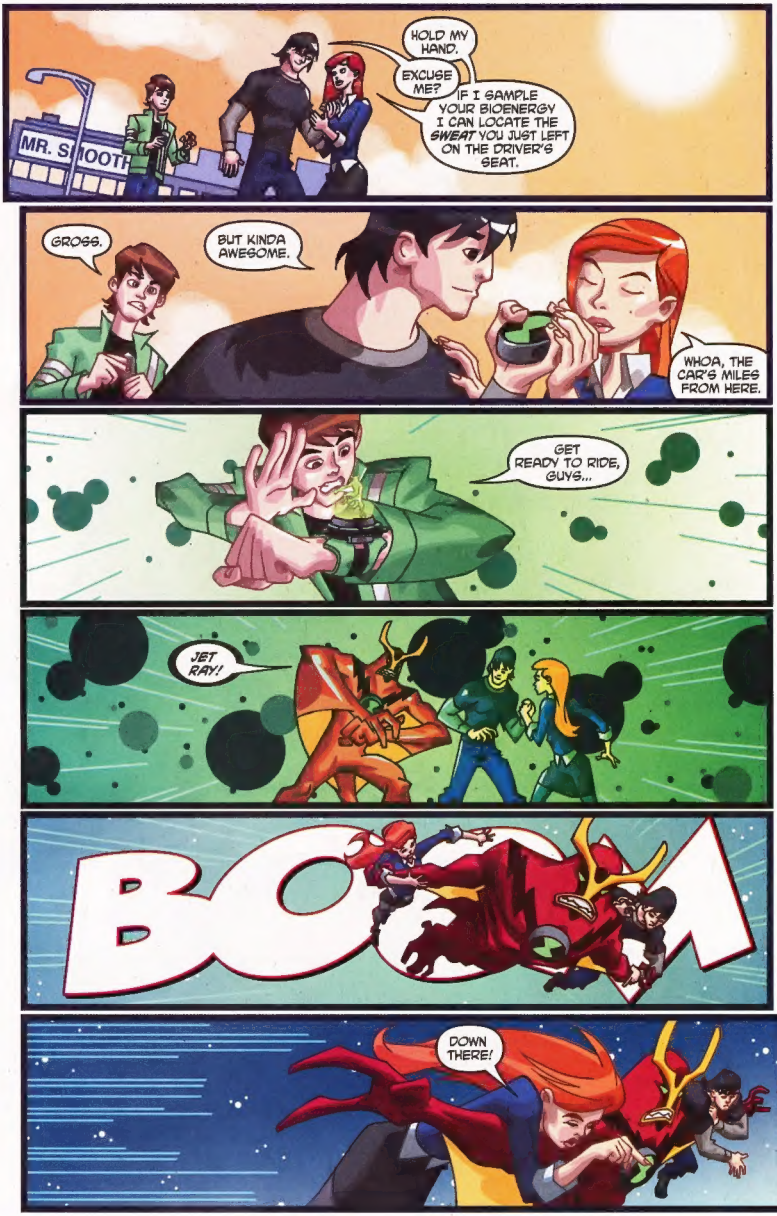
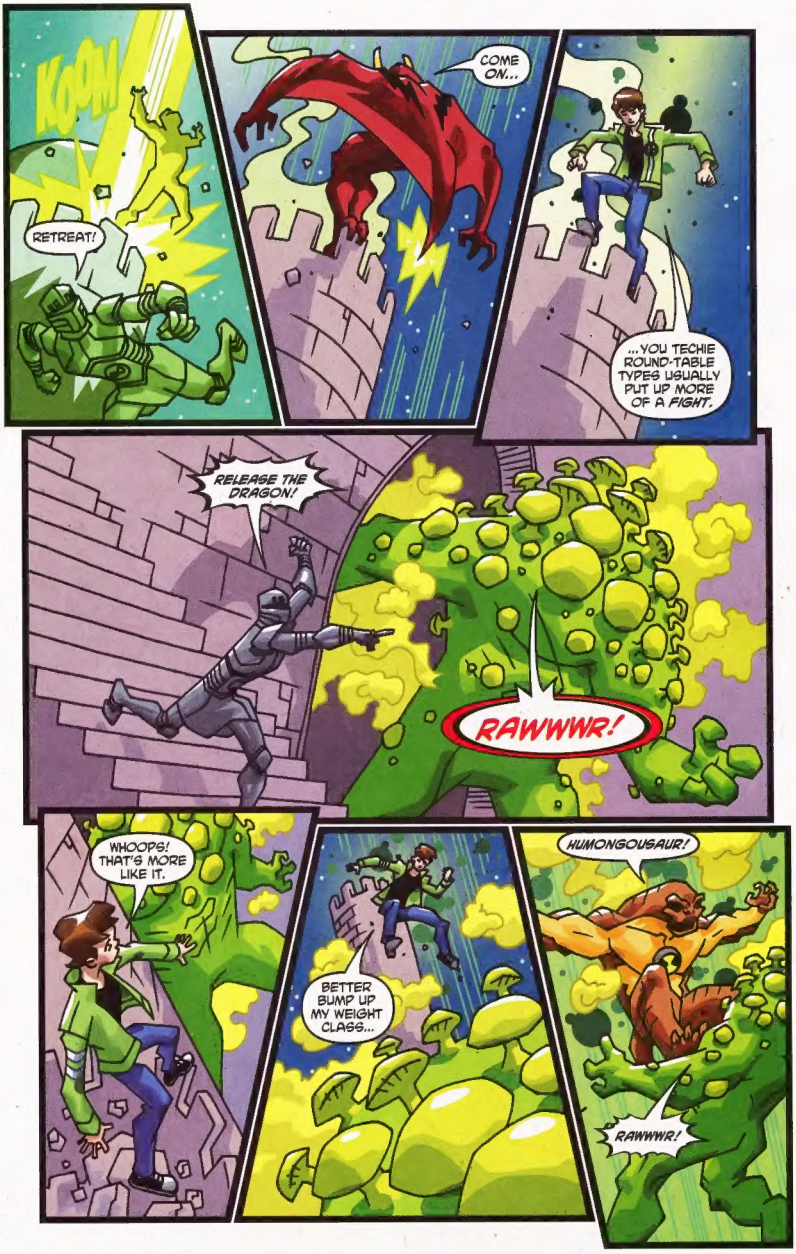
BEN 10 CREATED BY MAN OF ACTION


HOLD MY HAND.
EXCUSE ME?
IF I SAMPLE YOUR BIOENERGY I CAN LOCATE THE *SWEAT* YOU JUST LEFT ON THE DRIVER'S SEAT.
MR. SMOOTH
GROSS.
BUT KINDA AWESOME.
WHOA, THE CAR'S MILES FROM HERE.
GET READY TO RIDE, GUYS...
JET RAY!
BOOM
DOWN THERE!

A CASTLE. WHICH MEANS FOREVER KNIGHTS.
PUT ME DOWN, TENNYSON, BEFORE THEY TRADE ALL MY ALIEN TECH TO THEIR B.F.F.S THE HIGHBREED.
FOR THE GLORY OF THE ORDER...
FIRE!
GO CAR HUNTING-- I GOT THIS!
FIRE!
CHOOM
CHOOM
MISS!
HERE'S WHAT YOU MEANT...
SHRAK


KOOM
RETREAT!
COME ON...
...YOU TECHIE ROUND-TABLE TYPES USUALLY PUT UP MORE OF A FIGHT.
RELEASE THE DRAGON!
RAWWWR!
WHOOPS! THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.
BETTER BUMP UP MY WEIGHT CLASS...
HUMONGOUSAUR!
RAWWWR!

I WAS JUST GONNA SAY THAT.
FOOMP
=KAFF KAFF= EW, DID YOU JUST SHOOT SPORES AT ME? WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO--
=YAWN=
ZZZZZ
THUDD
FASTER, MY ELECTRO-MULES! OPEN THE SEA-GATE!
THE CASTLE IS NOTHING! WE HAVE KEVIN 11'S AUTOMOBILE. IT'S LOADED WITH ALIEN WIDGETS!
HUZZAH!
HUZZAH!
CHK
CHK
CHK
CHK

THERE! C'MON!
ZZ
BEN'S DOWN!
HE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF. I NEED MY CAR!
WHATEVER.
:ZZZNORK:
...HUH?
OH, MAN...

OVER HERE, PUFFY!
:COUGH: CAREFUL! THIS THING'S SPORES CAN KNOCK YOU OUT!
KHOOM
KHOOM
BETTER COVER MY MOUTH, THEN.
GO, KEVIN!
THOOMP
YOU OWE ME A CAR, TENNYSON.
I'M ON IT. GEEZ!
10

BIG CHILL!
DIVE, MEN! DIVE! AS YOU VALUE YOUR ORDER!
KRAKKK!
LOOKS TO ME LIKE YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER.
FIGHTING ALIENS, KEEPING THESE KNIGHTS FROM SELLING OUT THE PLANET, AND NOW CAR REPOSSESSION.
IT'S ALL ON ME.
BUT I'M READY.
END

# CODENAME: KIDS NEXT DOOR

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## (CHILDREN HELP INVADE NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE)


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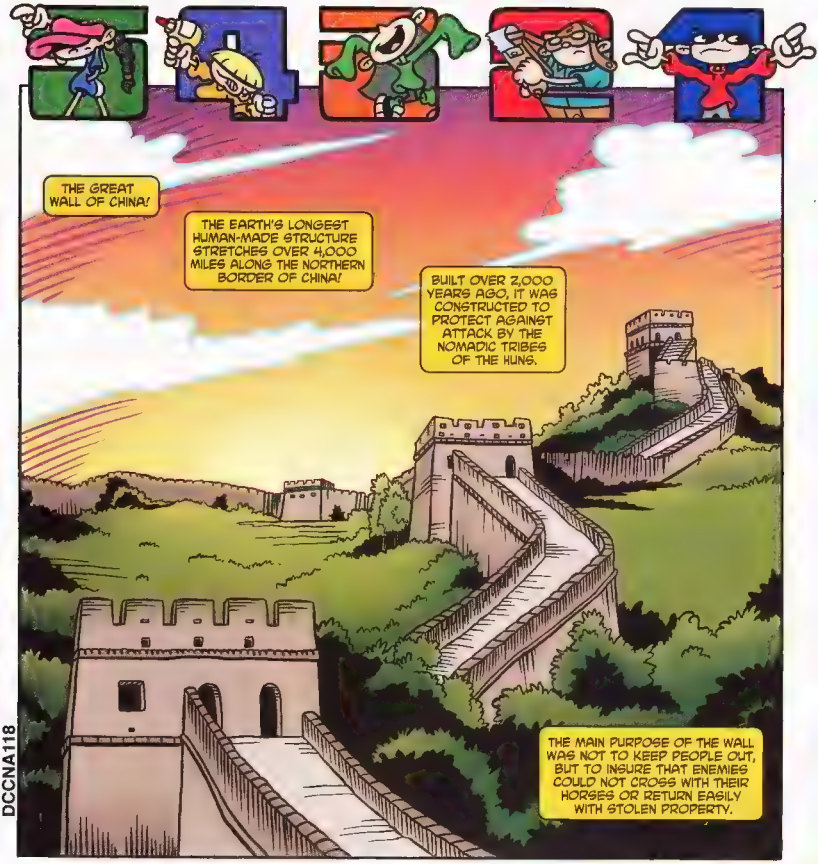
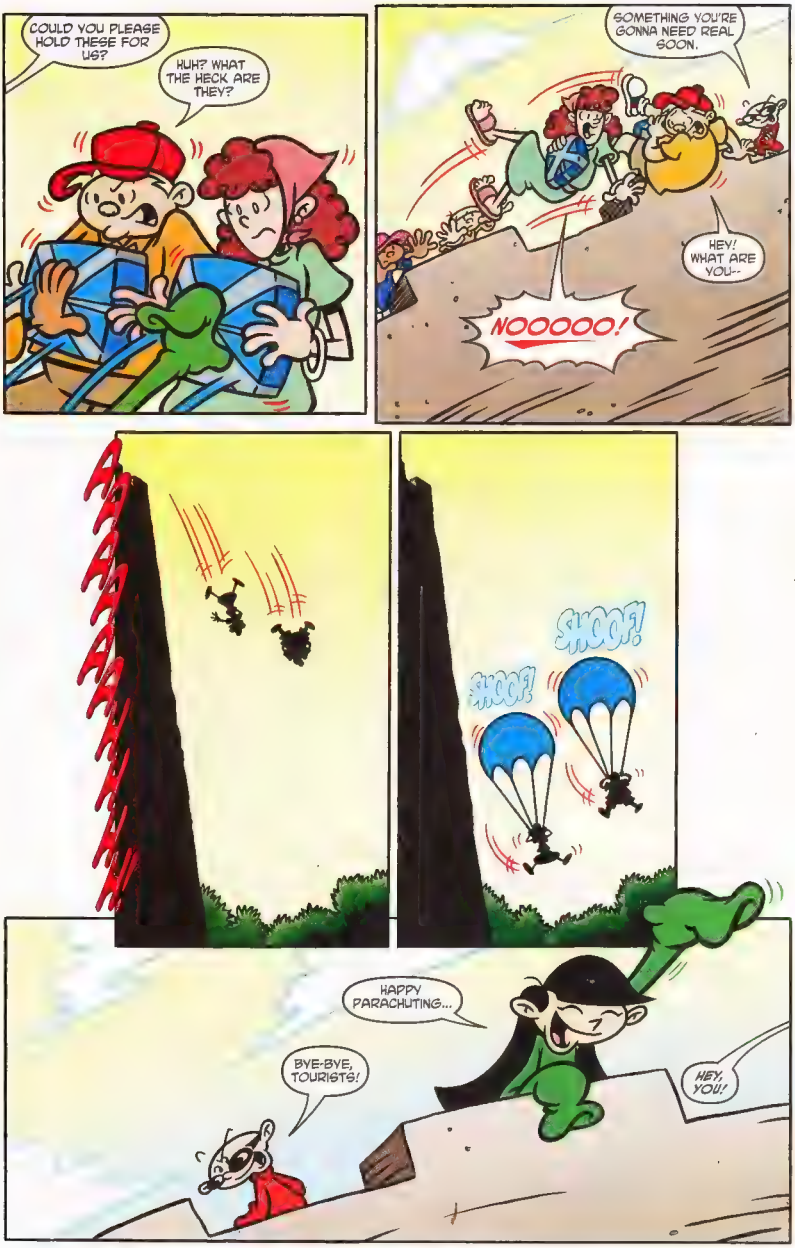
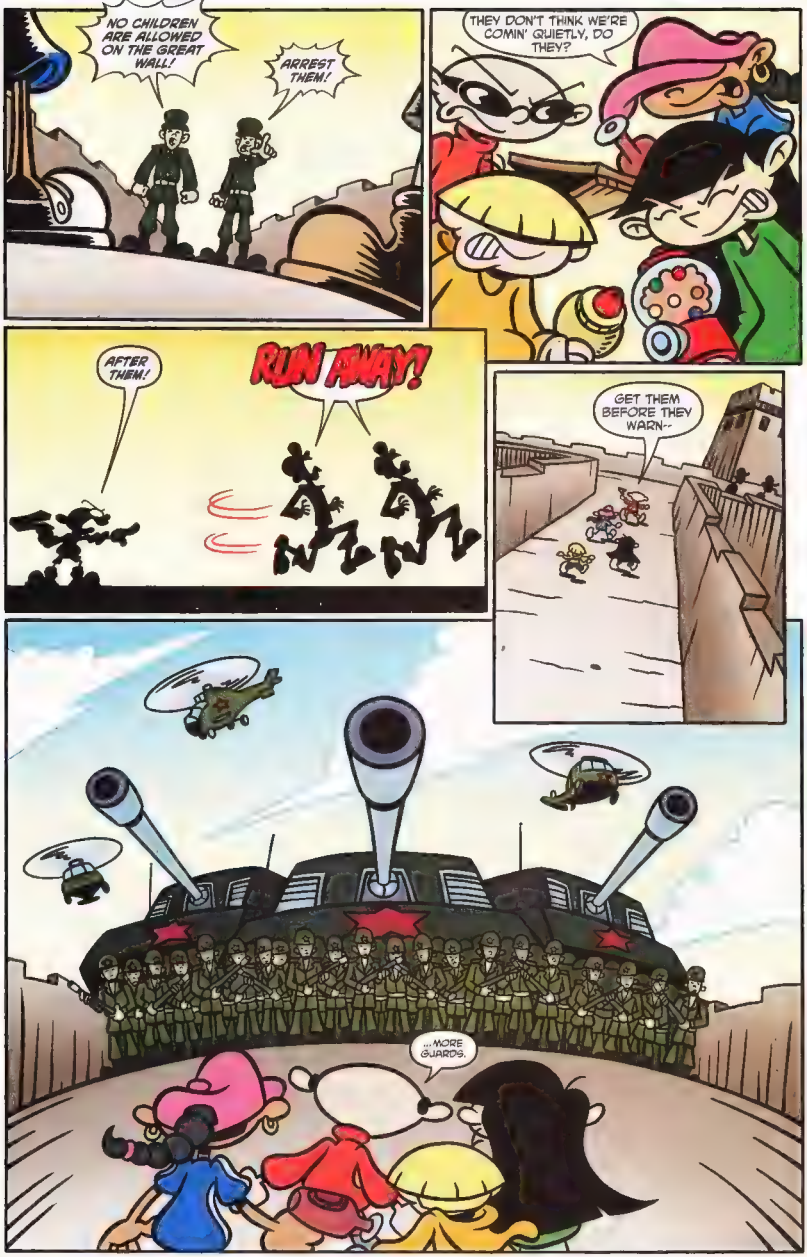

THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA!
THE EARTH'S LONGEST HUMAN-MADE STRUCTURE STRETCHES OVER 4,000 MILES ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER OF CHINA!
BUILT OVER 2,000 YEARS AGO, IT WAS CONSTRUCTED TO PROTECT AGAINST ATTACK BY THE NOMADIC TRIBES OF THE HUNS.
THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE WALL WAS NOT TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT, BUT TO INSURE THAT ENEMIES COULD NOT CROSS WITH THEIR HORSES OR RETURN EASILY WITH STOLEN PROPERTY.

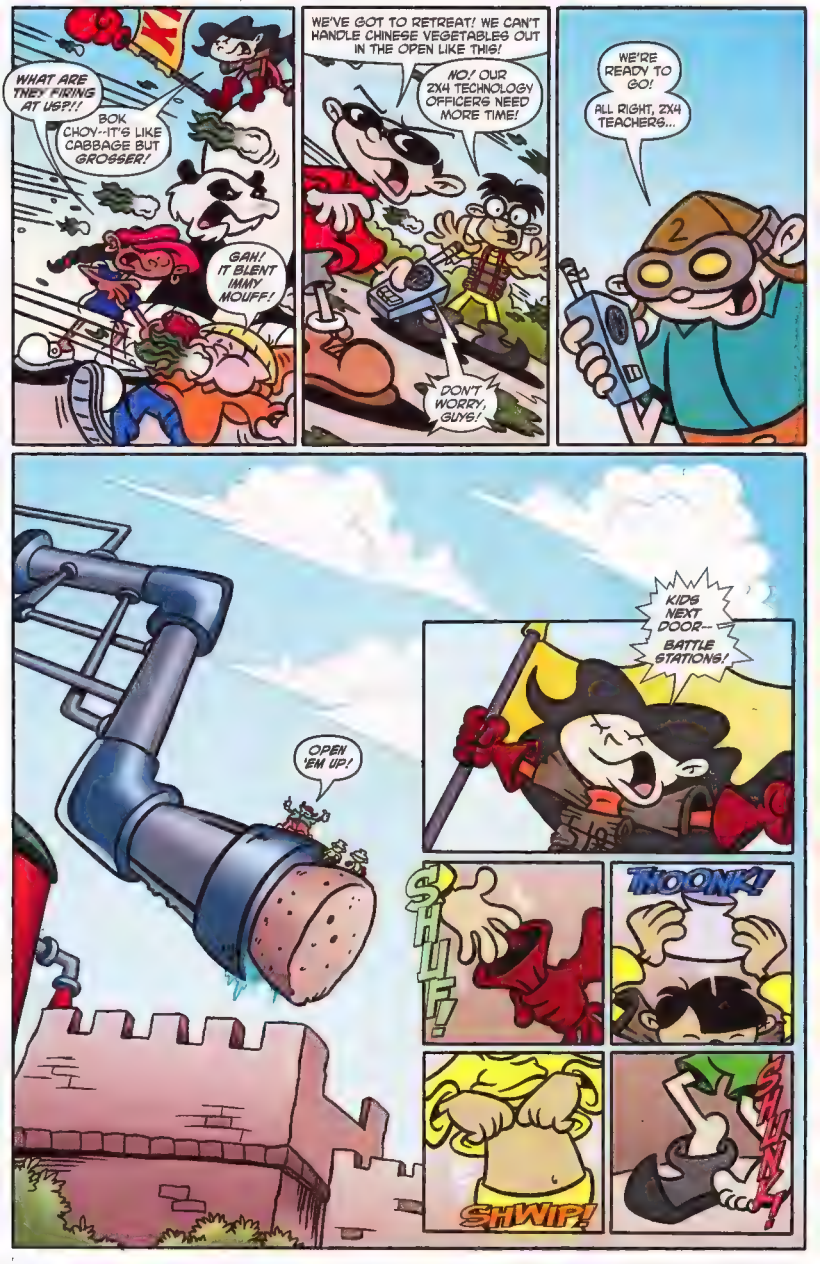
WHAT A LOAD OF JUNK! THAT'S NOT WHAT THE GREAT WALL WAS BUILT FOR!
THEY DIDN'T EVEN MENTION THAT KIDS BUILT IT!
WELL, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ADULTS WRITE THE HISTORY BOOKS!
WELL, WE'LL SHOW THEM WHAT THIS WALL IS REALLY FOR! HOW CAN WE HELP, NUMBUH 888?
THE 2X4 TECHNOLOGY OFFICERS ARE ALMOST DONE MAKING THE FINAL CONNECTIONS.
WE JUST NEED TO CLEAR THE WALL OF ANY REMAINING GUARDS OR TOURISTS BEFORE THE REST OF THE CHINESE K.N.D. GET HERE!
LEAVE IT TO US!
HEY- WHAT WAS THE GREAT MALL BUILT FOR ANYWAY, NUMBUH FIVE?
WALL! IT'S CALLED THE GREAT WALL, NUMBUH FOUR!
NEARBY...
ISN'T THE VIEW AMAZING, HONEY?
YEAH... I WISH I HAD A WALL LIKE THIS AROUND OUR HOUSE! THAT WOULD KEEP THE NEIGHBOR'S PESKY KIDS OUT OF OUR YARD!
EXCUSE ME?

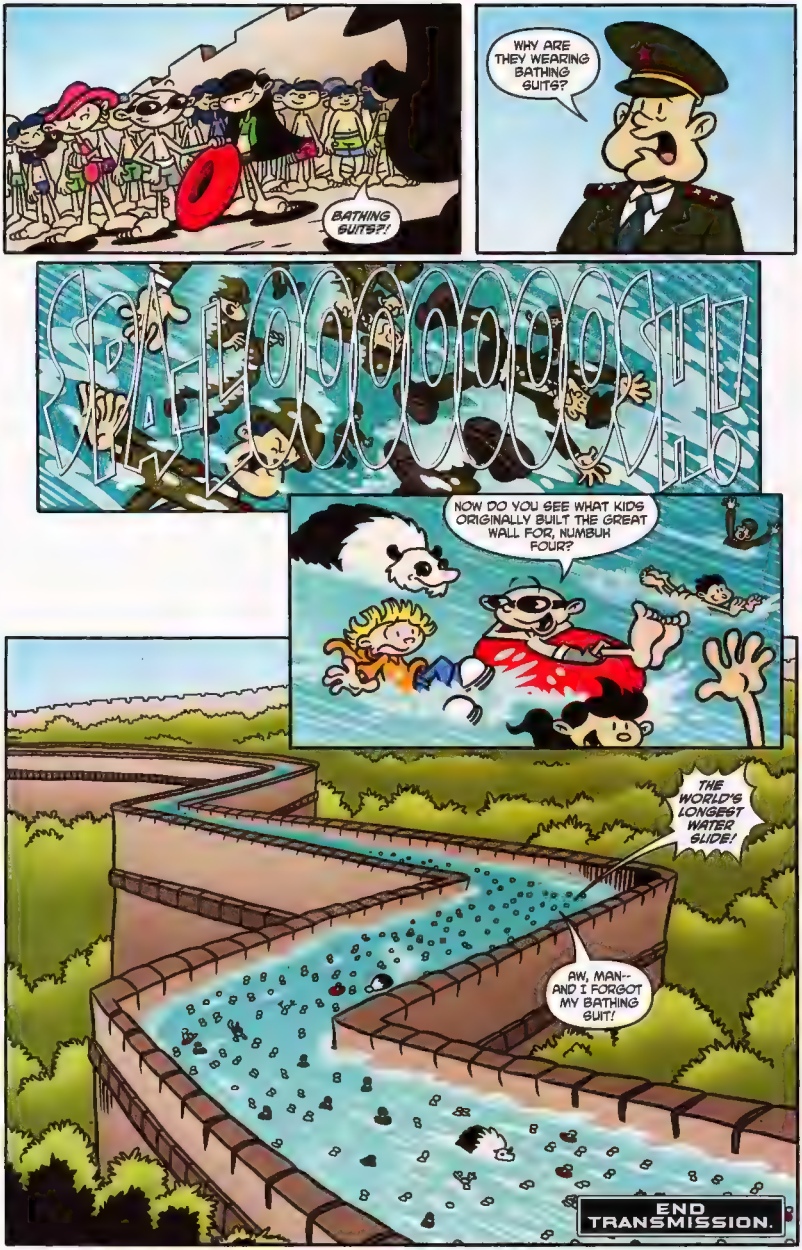

COULD YOU PLEASE HOLD THESE FOR US?
HUH? WHAT THE HECK ARE THEY?
SOMETHING YOU'RE GONNA NEED REAL SOON.
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU--
NOOOOO!
SHOOF!
SHOOF!
HAPPY PARACHUTING...
BYE-BYE, TOURISTS!
HEY, YOU!


NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED ON THE GREAT WALL!
ARREST THEM!
THEY DON'T THINK WE'RE COMIN' QUIETLY, DO THEY?
AFTER THEM!
RUN AWAY!
GET THEM BEFORE THEY WARN--
...MORE GUARDS.

RUN AWAY!
DON'T WORRY, SECTOR V!
WE'LL HANDLE THEM!
KND
KND
KND
DOOOOOOM

CHAAAAAARGE!
KND
KND
KND
SIR, THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM! WE'RE BEING PUSHED BACK!
VERY WELL! OPEN FIRE WITH THE TANKS!
THOOM! THOOM! THOOM!
THOOM! THOOM! THOOM!


WHAT ARE THEY FIRING AT US?!!
BOK CHOY--IT'S LIKE CABBAGE BUT GROSSER!
GAH! IT BLENT IMMY MOUFF!
WE'VE GOT TO RETREAT! WE CAN'T HANDLE CHINESE VEGETABLES OUT IN THE OPEN LIKE THIS!
NO! OUR ZX4 TECHNOLOGY OFFICERS NEED MORE TIME!
DON'T WORRY, GUYS!
WE'RE READY TO GO!
ALL RIGHT, ZX4 TEACHERS...
OPEN 'EM UP!
KIDS NEXT DOOR--
BATTLE STATIONS!
SHIIF!
THOONK!
SHWIP!
SHUNK!


BATHING SUITS?!
WHY ARE THEY WEARING BATHING SUITS?
NOW DO YOU SEE WHAT KIDS ORIGINALLY BUILT THE GREAT WALL FOR, NUMBUH FOUR?
THE WORLD'S LONGEST WATER SLIDE!
AW, MAN-- AND I FORGOT MY BATHING SUIT!
END TRANSMISSION.

LISTEN CLOSELY, FOR THIS IS THE STORY OF A HERO NAMED AKU!
AKU'S FAIRY TALES: AKU THE HERO
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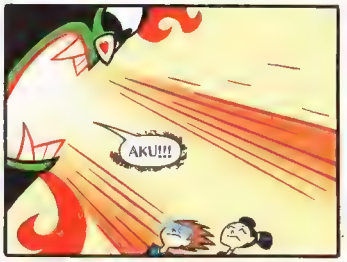
Letterer: Randy Gentile • Colorist: Heroic Age
Co-editors: Gehrlein & Hilty

NOT ACHOO--
BLESS YOU.


AKU!!!

"NOW, AKU WAS NOT JUST AN ORDINARY HERO, BUT A GREAT SAMURAI TO BOOT!"
GRARR...
OLÉ!
"ONE WHO DID NOT THINK IT TOO MUCH TO FIGHT THE MONSTER-WITH-TWO-BONEHEADS TERRORIZING THE STREETS OF ANGEL CITY!"

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GARARRGH...
YEEHA!

WHEEE!
KABLAM!

"AFTER THREE DAYS OF SUCH HIJINKS, THE MONSTER WAS DRIVEN TO EXHAUSTION WITH NOTHING MORE TO GIVE."
BONEHEADS BEGONE!
"FOR THIS MOST DOUBLE-HEADED OF CREATURES, EXILE WAS A BLESSED RELIEF!"

"AND THE CITIZENS OF ANGEL CITY WERE GRATEFUL."
AS MAYOR OF THIS FINE CITY, IT IS MY HONOR TO PRESENT THIS OLIVE WREATH AS YOUR CHAMPION'S REWARD.
AKU BONE BUTT
AKU THE HERO!

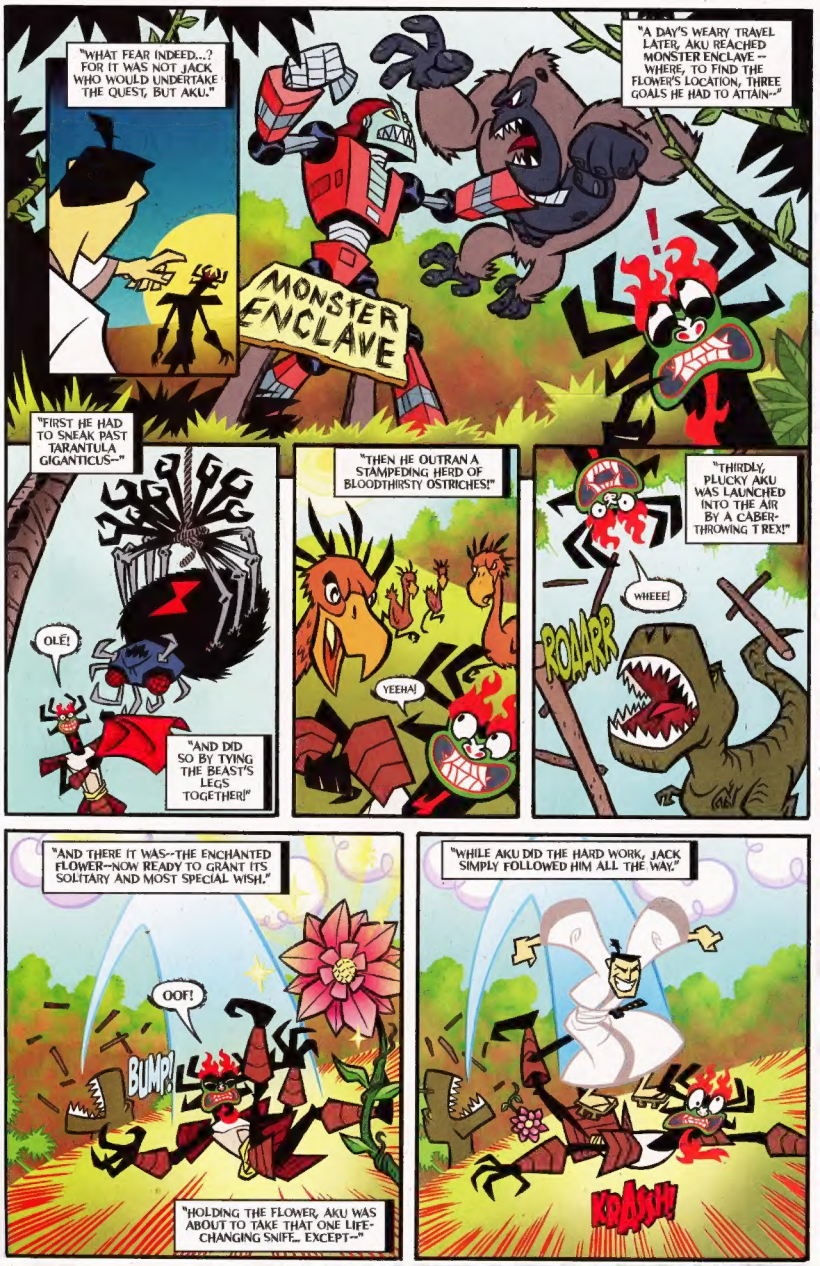
I THANK YOU.
PUSH
EH?

ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN. MY NAME IS JACK, AND AKU HERE IS MY SLAVE.
TO TAKE THE CREDIT FOR ALL HIS GOOD WORK-- THAT PARTICULAR BURDEN IS MINE!
MAYOR

HEY, OLD CRONE AT THE BACK! WHAT ARE YOU MUTTERING ABOUT?
TELL ME, OR I WILL RELEASE A PLAGUE OF BOILS-- OR SOMETHING--ON ANGEL CITY!
PLAGUE OF BOILS, HMM? I HAVE ENOUGH OF THEM CRITTERS ALREADY...

I ONLY HAPPENED TO MENTION A GREAT QUEST LEADING TO AN ENCHANTED FLOWER.
WHOEVER SMELLS IT WILL BE GRANTED ONE WISH. HOWEVER, THERE ARE MANY DANGERS.

A QUEST, YOU SAY? ONE WISH, YOU SAY?
WELL, WHAT FEAR DO I HAVE OF SUCH DANGERS? I SAY NO FEAR AT ALL!


"WHAT FEAR INDEED...? FOR IT WAS NOT JACK WHO WOULD UNDERTAKE THE QUEST, BUT AKU."
"A DAY'S WEARY TRAVEL LATER, AKU REACHED MONSTER ENCLAVE -- WHERE, TO FIND THE FLOWER'S LOCATION, THREE GOALS HE HAD TO ATTAIN--"
MONSTER ENCLAVE
"FIRST HE HAD TO SNEAK PAST TARANTULA GIGANTICUS--"
OLÉ!
"AND DID SO BY TYING THE BEAST'S LEGS TOGETHER!"
"THEN HE OUTRAN A STAMPEDING HERD OF BLOODTHIRSTY OSTRICHES!"
YEEHA!
"THIRDLY, PLUCKY AKU WAS LAUNCHED INTO THE AIR BY A CABER-THROWING T REX!"
WHEEE!
ROAAR
"AND THERE IT WAS--THE ENCHANTED FLOWER--NOW READY TO GRANT ITS SOLITARY AND MOST SPECIAL WISH."
OOF!
BUMP!
"HOLDING THE FLOWER, AKU WAS ABOUT TO TAKE THAT ONE LIFE-CHANGING SNIFF... EXCEPT--"
"WHILE AKU DID THE HARD WORK, JACK SIMPLY FOLLOWED HIM ALL THE WAY."
KRASH!

HEH HEH HEH.
BZZZ
"HAPPILY, THE FLOWER FOUND ITS WAY BACK INTO AKU'S GRASP."
OWW! OWW!
"AND BREATHING IN ITS SCENT LONG AND DEEP, FINALLY HE MADE HIS WISH."
HE WISHED TO BE A SLAVE NO LONGER.
AS FOR JACK, WITH NO CONTROL OVER AKU AND EXPOSED FOR THE WICKED CHARLATAN HE WAS, BANISHMENT FROM THE LAND WAS HIS PARTICULAR BURDEN.
SO... YOU WANT FLOWERS, AKU?
YOU GOT FLOWERS!
WHAT?! NO-- THE COLORS... THE SCENT...
KEEP THEM AWAY FROM ME
AKU IS GONE.
I GUESS THAT MEANS SAMURAI JACK IS THE TRUE HERO...
"... AT LEAST IN THE REAL WORLD!"
END

# Send your letters today:

# JOHNNY DC SAYS: LET THE MAIL BEGIN!

*CN ALIEN FORCE GROUP*

**Hey, 'toon fans! Johnny DC, here, and I've got news! You'd better move fast if you're gonna beat me to the TV on Friday night for Cartoon Network's new Friday Fantasy/Adventure Block! All summer long, tune in at 7 pm for four full hours of your favorite smash-hit movies. And starting October 3rd, Cartoon Network will ramp up the excitement with brand-new premieres of BEN 10: ALIEN FORCE SEASON 2, SECRET SATURDAYS and --wait for it--STAR WARS: CLONE WARS! So hold on to your seat, because I might try to steal it. Get fired up for Friday night action on Cartoon Network from 7-11pm!**

Dear Johnny DC,

I'm a big fan of DC Comics and BEN 10. As you see in my drawing (above right), it's BEN 10. My drawing has Four Arms, Heatblast, XLR8, Cannonbolt, and Grey Matter.

I'm also a fan of Superman. How did you think of Ben's powers?

Ashton Williams, age 7
South Orange, New Jersey

**I talked to Man of Action once (he created Ben) and asked him that question. He said, "The aliens are all representative of the powers most every kid wishes he or she could have, even if only for a little while--to get small, to be really strong, to fly. Who wouldn't want to be able to pass through a wall now and then like a ghost or have a couple of extra hands to keep hold of everything?!"**
**— Johnny DC**

*DRAWING BY ASHTON WILLIAMS*

Dear Johnny,

Here is a picture of my favorite BEN 10 characters and the Omnitrix, plus the heads of some of the most important super villains.

Daniel Roth, age 6
Arlington, Massachusetts

*DRAWING BY DANIEL ROTH*

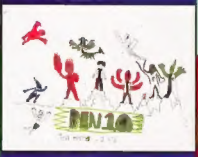
Dear J.D.,

I love reading CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK. Even more, I like the BEN 10 stories. Do you think that you can make a comic book series completely dedicated to BEN 10? My favorite characters are Four Arms, Cannonbolt, and Grey Matter. I would like to see Vilgax and Kevin 11 team up to take on Ben.

Kevan Lawrence
New Bedford, Massachusetts

**As you know by now, Ben and Kevin are working together. Who would have thought it? What do you (and everyone reading) think of the new, fifteen-year-old Ben and Gwen?**

**But, to your other question, we can't take Ben out of this comic book. It wouldn't be ACTION PACK without him!**
**— Johnny DC**




*"TEN HEROES... 1 KID" BY KEVAN LAWRENCE*

**The good news is that I'm getting a lot of great pictures of the whole BEN 10 cast. The bad news is that, when I shrink the drawings down to fit on this page, most of the detail is lost. When you send in a drawing, try making a big, bold drawing of ONE character (or alien)!**

**Write to Johnny DC!**
**JOHNNY DC--**
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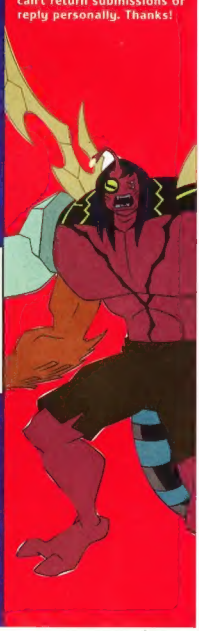

JOHNNY DC's

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**SUPER FRIENDS #5**
The entire world has gone ape, so the Super Friends are off to Gorilla City! You'll go bananas!

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Oh, no, Adam, what can the matter be? He's got a cone where his toe should be! Plus the Eds!

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